





LETTER  
FROM  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,  
TRANSMITTING  
A REPORT  
IN  
*OBEEDIENCE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE 2d INSTANT*  
IN  
RELATION TO THE MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
GOVERNORS OF THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL.

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*Treasury Department,**9th December, 1818.*

SIR,

In obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 2d inst. referring to this department the memorial of the governors of the New York Hospital, relative to distressed American seamen relieved by that institution, I have the honor to submit the enclosed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Marine Hospital fund, from the year 1802, to the year 1817, inclusive.

From this statement it appears, that the expenditure, prior to the year 1811, was considerably below the receipts, but that since that period, it has greatly exceeded them. The greatest excess is found to have existed in the years 1816 and 1817. There is no evidence in the possession of this Department, which shows the sums expended by hospitals, and other charitable institutions, upon sick and diseased seamen, which have not been ultimately discharged from the Marine Hospital fund. It is, therefore, impracticable to present any estimate, entitled to confidence, of the sum which may be annually necessary for the support of sick and diseased seamen in the various ports of the United States. If the years 1816 and 1817, should be considered as the basis of the estimate, an addition of one hundred per cent. would not be more than sufficient to meet the expenses authorized by existing regulations. Making, however, due allowance for the insalubrity of the year 1817, especially in the southern ports, and for any temporary causes of increased expenditure which may have existed during both years, an addition of one hundred per cent. to the Marine Hospital fund, will probably render it amply sufficient to meet all the expenses which a proper attention to the preservation of the health of that useful, but thoughtless, class of citizens may require.

The principle upon which the Marine Hospital fund has been created, having been sanctioned by Congress, and as-

certained by experience to be extremely beneficial, there can be no doubt of the propriety of rendering it equal to the demands which will be made upon it by the necessities of our sea faring citizens.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

*Hon. John Gaillard,*

*President of the Senate pro. tem.*



*a GENERAL STATEMENT of Moneys received from the Collectors of the Customs, under the act of July, 1798; as also, of appropriations of moneys made by law in aid thereof, with the annual expenditures on account of the Marine Hospital, from 1st January, 1802, to 1st January, 1818.*

	Receipts.		Total receipts.	Total expenditures.	Carried to S. Fund.
	From Collectors of Customs.	Specific appropriations.			
1802	18,000	-	18,000	250	
1803	146,887 77	-	146,887 77	31,087 36	
1804	58,210 98	-	59,210 98	84,027 50	137 66
1805	57,928 20	1,000	57,928 20	59,828 41	
1806	66,820 01	-	66,820 01	53,281 98	
1807	61,474 47	-	61,474 47	65,571 51	379 66
1808	36,515 44	-	36,515 44	60,383 16	
1809	74,192 42	-	74,192 42	70,901 75	
1810	53,715 20	-	53,715 20	36,793 60	
			574,744 49	462,125 27	537 32
Total amount expenditures brought down - - - 462,125 27					
amount carried to S. Fund - - - 537 32					
Balance, 1st January, 1811 - - - 112,981 90					
				574,744 49	

*Balance 1st January.*

1811	112,081 90	-	-	112,081 90	57,109 08	and includes for buildings and repairs, \$6,650. and includes for the purchase of a site for buildings, \$5,500.
1811	54,586 34	-	-	54,586 34	57,723 11	
1812	42,421 46	-	-	42,421 46	53,376 87	
1813	21,789 58	-	20,000	41,789 58	45,226 50	
1814	10,191 97	-	20,000	30,491 97	43,651 55	
1815	28,374 7½	-	20,000	48,374 74	82,555 68	
1816	43,864 21	-	-	43,864 21	84,285 86	
1817	*44,850 27	-	-	44,850 27		
	358,160 47		60,000	418,460 47	423,928 65	

NOTE.—Under the act of 16th July, 1798, the collectors had the expenditure of the fund instituted by said act. By the act of 3d May, 1802, the collectors accounted at the Treasury.

\*As some of the collector's accounts from which a part of the above amount has been extracted, have not been finally adjusted at the Treasury, it is possible a small variation may take place.

*Treasury Department,*

*Register's Office,*

*7th December, 1818.*

JOSEPH NOURSE,  
*Register.*









